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From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

Highland Heights Welcomes KeyBank

The new KeyBank has a connection with our City's founding family.

Last month I was invited to the opening of the new KeyBank located at The Shoppes at Alpha Place. It was a very festive event and was hosted by Radio Disney. Two Cleveland Indians, pitcher Rafael Betencourt and infielder Asdrubal Cabrera and even Slider, were in attendance signing autographs. There was food, games and prizes for all in attendance. When I arrived, I was introduced to the new branch manager, Amanda Mapes. For those of you who know about our city's history, Highland Heights was founded by Rufus Mapes. I thought it was too much of a coincidence, but Amanda confirmed that she is a descendant of the Mapes family. Amanda states that she is 10th generation American, and seventh generation Cleveland and is extremely proud of her family's history in northeast Ohio.

In 1792, Seth Mapes, Rufus' father "moved west" from Orange, New York and he surveyed much of the land in the Western Reserve. He claimed his property on SOM Center Rd. between Jackson and Miles, now known as Moreland Hills. It is believed he moved back to NY and returned to this area in 1820. This became the new "Mapes Homestead." Seth Mapes was one of the first settlers in Orange Township, which now consists of the modern communities of Moreland Hills, Orange, Pepper Pike, Hunting Valley, Woodmere, and part of Chagrin Falls.

The Mapes dairy farm was considered one of the most valuable and lucrative in the land. They became prosperous farmers who grew their business significantly. Mapes Brothers Dairy was one of the largest dairy producers in Cuyahoga County. The daily trek began at 3:30 am to haul the dairy to Cleveland; the toll collector was at Brainard and Mayfield. In 1925 the Mapes family began selling parcels of land to the Chagrin Valley Country Club (CVCC), which sits on part of the original farm. They sold 23 acres on the west side of SOM and 79 acres on the east side of SOM, which was referred to as "the back nine," and which later became the Moreland Hills Country Club. At one point the home was used as the clubhouse for the CVCC. The first school house in the area was on the Mapes farm, and President Garfield and his mother built their log cabin on the property.

Seth is integral to Amanda's connection to Rufus Mapes. In 1790 Seth Mapes married Julia Smith and they had eleven children. Rufus was the third oldest. Rufus and his wife Abigail were the first to settle Mayfield Township which today includes the communities of Mayfield Village, Mayfield Heights, Gates Mills, Highland Heights and part of Lyndhurst. They settled and built their farm at the southeast corner of Highland and Bishop.

Amanda now lives in Shaker Heights. She is a graduate of Hathaway Brown School and Miami University. She has been in the financial service industry for 15 years, both as a Financial Advisor and a Banker.

"We welcome the opportunity to help all of our new neighbors in this wonderful community. Please stop in and introduce yourself so that we may begin a solid long term relationship with you," says Amanda.

And we welcome KeyBank as one of our newest business neighbors.

From the Desk of Mayor Coleman

Thank You Congressman LaTourette

Recently I requested federal funding for a project on one of our major arteries. As a result of my request, I'm happy to report that Congressman LaTourette has asked for \$1.17 million for our city in the reauthorization of the federal highway bill for a pavement and drainage project on Miner Road. The proposed project would call for the reconstruction of Miner Road from Wilson Mills to the Lake County line. Congress has to pass the highway bill every six years. This legislation provides funding to fix our nations roads and bridges. The bill has to be reauthorized by Oct. 1, 2009. This September, we will apply for state Issue 1 funding. We are hopeful with the assistance of these federal and state dollars, we can begin this project in 2010 or 2011. You may recall that Congressman LaTourette was instrumental in securing several hundred thousands of funding dollars for the construction of the pedestrian path down Highland Road. The pedestrian path is nearly complete and it is so nice to see people using it. This project was a long time in the making and allows pedestrians to travel safely down this busy road.

Congratulations Police Chief Jim Cook

Our police chief, Jim Cook, recently received the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board's annual "Helping Hand Award". This award is given annually to individuals to recognize those who embody the Board's mission, have positively impacted the lives of consumers and helped to alleviate the stigma of mental illness in Cuyahoga County. Chief Cook is well deserving of this award. He has volunteered countless hours and serves on the state board of the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. I want to personally thank Chief Cook who is truly a dedicated public servant and serves our community with integrity and compassion for all our residents. Chief Cook makes sure that all people are treated with dignity and respect. Thank you Chief Cook for all you do for our community.

Cuyahoga County Airport

Last month I spent two days in Washington, DC with many other mayors from the 14th Congressional District. While in Washington, I met with representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration, along with Mayor Weger from Willoughby Hills, Mayor Rinker from Mayfield Village and council representatives from Richmond Heights. The purpose of this meeting was to first, further educate ourselves on the process that is underway on the airport expansion, second, voice our concerns for the increased air traffic and noise that will likely occur with the expansion, and finally, to find out how our communities can be included in the process. We learned that after the plan is approved by the FAA, which is basically a formality, the FAA will then do an environmental study to determine what affects the proposed expansion will have on the neighboring communities. I was assured that during this environmental study, Highland Heights, Richmond Heights, Willoughby Hills and any other communities will have the opportunity to sit with the decision makers and voice their concerns. We will keep you updated as this process develops.

Thank You Mayfield High School National Honor Society

I would like to personally thank the Mayfield High School National Honor Society (NHS) for volunteering their time in our community. Last month, dozens of students from the high school spent several hours helping to clean our city park. Originally I thought they were going to pick up papers, bottles, cans, etc. that were on the commonly used areas. This group went deep into the woods and pulled out piles of garbage. Among their findings were an old refrigerator, a stove, several tires, a car engine, etc. They worked tirelessly for several hours. A special thanks to Jacob Rapport, a Hawthorne Drive resident, who helped organize the event. I would also like to thank Shirlee Shoben who is the NHS advisor for allowing the students to help with this project.

City Council Commentary

Scott Mills, Council President and Representative at Large

ALL CITY SHREDDING DAY!

This was a HUGE success! We had over 100 residents come through shredding over 8,000 pounds of paper. This saves an enormous amount of trees. I want to thank ALL OHIO SECURE SHREDDING for providing the equipment to get this done. We will be doing this again on October 3rd between the hours of 10am - 2pm. This is the FIRST Saturday of October. Since this was such a great event, we will continue to do this twice a year. Any questions, please call Scott Mills at 440-477-9289 or email smills@highlandhts.com.

Construction Update:

As you can see “The Shoppes at Alpha Place” are coming along. In the plaza, the Verizon Store, Key Bank and Panera Bread are open. Coming soon will be a Mediterranean Bistro, Malley’s Chocolates, and Qdoba Mexican Grill. Watch for more.

Tree trimming:

Please make sure that you keep your trees and bushes trimmed back off the sidewalk. People are out walking enjoying the weather and like to have it free from obstruction.

Frank Legan Councilman at Large

Our community has many great recreational programs. I would like to add another.

I am looking to start a Dance Program for our adult and senior residents and am looking for ideas. The programs may run for an hour or two with some instruction in the beginning and a dance to follow.

If you have been to an organized event that you were impressed with or if you think you might participate and have some suggestions please contact me at flegan@highlandhts.com or call me at 449-0645.

Cathy Murphy Ward 1 Council Representative

Cuyahoga County Airport Expansion Plan Update:

Our county commissioners voted earlier this year to recommend expansion of the county airport's runway by 900 feet. This proposal, commonly referred to as Proposal 38, would also involve realignment of both Bishop Road and Richmond Road. Local public officials are concerned that this plan means bigger planes and increased airport traffic. In order to present unity in purpose, the cities of Highland Hts., Richmond Hts. and Willoughby Hills plan to form a tri-city coalition in opposition to proposed airport expansion, but, at the same time, support safety and noise reduction measures.

The runway expansion plan is now in the hands of the FAA, which will conduct environmental studies to determine if the proposed expansion is feasible under federal guidelines. The FAA study will include an analysis of noise, pollution, and the socio-economic impact to residential communities that border the airport. This study may commence as early as next year and will involve community public meetings. Stay tuned.

DRAINAGE COMMITTEE UPDATE Cathy Murphy, Chairperson

We have received the county sanitary engineer's report of the sewer study conducted in the Williamsburg area. This study addressed storm water infiltration into sanitary sewer lines and related basement flooding problems along Highland Road. The Report recommends a project to install liners inside some sewer lines to seal defective pipe joints. These repairs will take place at about 50 homes in the Williamsburg area.

The project is slated for late summer or early fall. The work will not involve street excavation. The city will notify residents when a more certain date of commencement is established. This \$300,000 project will be paid for by sewer district public funds and result in no increase in our sewer rates.

Lyndhurst Municipal Court Report



Consistent with her efforts of educating the Community, Judge Mary Kaye Bozza is proud to announce her support for the Mayfield High School's awareness against underage drinking, as we approach the season for proms and graduation celebrations. The theme is "Parents Who Host Lose the Most" which is the message from a program of the Drug-free Action Alliance with support from the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. Information regarding underage drinking laws is available at the Court. The Court invites any interested student and parent to the Ladies only audience of the Make the Right Choice Program on June 26, 2009 and the Men's only audience on August 7, 2009. For details call Patti Anderson at (440) 461-6500 extension 205.

The staff of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court welcomes senior intern Jessie from Beachwood High School and Christina from Mayfield High School. They are shadowing the Judge during the month of May for their senior projects.

5th and 6th grade graduates from the D.A.R.E. programs taught at the Mayfield Middle School, St. Paschal Baylon and at Millridge School invited Judge Bozza to speak at their D.A.R.E. graduations this past March and April.

On March 17, 2009 Charles E. Cole, the High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Ohio presented Judge Bozza, in the presence of her staff, an award in grateful recognition for her long and dedicated service to the citizens of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court district.

The Court's next "Make the Right Choice" programs, designed to educate about the consequences of alcohol and substance abuse, are scheduled for women on June 26, 2009 and for men on August 7, 2009. If you are interested in attending Court, the Judge's outreach program, plan a field trip, or arrange to have Judge Mary Kaye Bozza speak to your organization, please contact Patti Anderson at (440) 461-6500 ext. 205 or visit our website at www.lyndhurstmunicipalcourt.org.

Lastly, and most importantly, Judge Bozza and the entire staff of the Lyndhurst Municipal Court would like to extend our best wishes to staff member Carol Ungady, who retired April 30th after a 26 year career in our Civil Department. We sincerely express our gratitude to you Carol, for the service you have provided to our community, and wish you a happy, healthy retirement.

Law Director Update Tim Paluf

Enactments and Amendments to the Codified Ordinances

Earlier this year, the City Council amended Highland Hts. Codified Ordinances Chapter 521 regarding the abatement of residential nuisances and the cutting of noxious weeds, removal of litter or other unsanitary conditions. The recent amendment would require a property owner to alleviate a nuisance situation and subsequently maintain the subject area in vegetative state within 5 days of being notified of the nuisance.

Chapter 729 relating to landscape contractors was also newly enacted by City Council. The provisions of this chapter will require any entity conducting commercial landscaping services in the City to register with the Police Department. The registration will help to ensure that the service contractors are properly insured should they cause damage to a resident's property and will also require that the entity indemnify the City for such damage.

Similarly, the Council enacted Section 919.03 regarding the registration of tree trimming and/or removal services. Any such entity must obtain a permit from the City before performing any commercial tree services in the City and said permit will be valid for one calendar year. Again, the purpose of this provision is to safeguard residents against damage.

Finally, the City Council also considered and passed a similar amendment to the Codified ordinances Section 1313.01 that would add language regarding tree trimming and/or removal services to the general registration portion of the Code. This amendment is essentially a housekeeping type of change to keep current with the change to Section 919.03 described above. Because Section 1313.01 requires the registration of general commercial contractors performing services in the City, the requirement of the registration of tree service entities also requires that they be added to the general requirement provision of the Codified Ordinances.

Department Updates

FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE CHIEF WILLIAM TURNER

GAS GRILLS

Each year, thousands of people pull out their LP gas grills at the start of "barbecuing season." But before firing up the grill, there are several safety precautions to keep in mind. You should explain to children how dangerous grills can be if they get too close. Grills get extremely hot and can severely burn a child. By following these guidelines, you'll help prevent possible gas explosions or fires. LP gas is flammable. Many accidents occur after the grill has been unused over a period of time, or after a grill's gas container has been refilled and reattached.



Safety Checks Each Time You Use The Grill

- ✦ Check the burners for blockage by insects, spiders, or food drippings. Clear blockage, either with a pipe cleaner or with a wire. Push any blockages through the tube to the main part of the burner.
- ✦ Check grill's hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there aren't sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- ✦ Make sure hoses are as far away from the hot surface as possible. Make sure to keep hoses away from areas where grease could drip on them. If you can't move hoses, have a heat shield installed.
- ✦ Check connectors. If scratched or nicked, have them replaced; these conditions can cause leaks.
- ✦ Check for gas leaks whenever you reconnect the grill to the LP-gas container, or if you smell gas. To check for leaks, open the gas supply valve fully and apply a soapy solution (one part water, one part liquid detergent) with a brush at connection points. If bubbles appear, there is a leak. Turn off the gas and tighten the connection clockwise. (If it is the tank connection, tighten counter clockwise.) If this does not stop the leak, close the container valve and take the grill to your LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.
- ✦ If a leak is detected, don't attempt to light the grill until the leak has been stopped. If you are using the grill, turn off the gas.
- ✦ Make sure there are no lighted cigarettes, matches, or open flames near a leaking grill.
- ✦ NEVER USE A GRILL INDOORS. And use the grill at least ten feet away from your house or any building. DO NOT USE THE GRILL in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a surface that will burn.
- ✦ Do not attempt to repair the container valve or appliance yourself. See your LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.

Always follow the instructions that accompany the grill.

Fire Department (continued)

LP GAS CONTAINER TIPS

When Storing:

- ✦ Always keep containers upright.
- ✦ Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill.
- ✦ Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill. Never use or store a gas container indoors.

When Transporting:

- ✦ Transport the container in a secure, upright position.
- ✦ Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

When Refilling:

Unless you have (the preferred) bar-coded container and are filling it at a facility that fills such containers, have the container refilled only by your LP gas dealer or by a qualified service station operator. **DO NOT FILL THE CONTAINER YOURSELF.**

When Connecting:

- ✦ Remove the container valve plug from the container valve.
- ✦ Thread the container connector securely into the container valve outlet (turn counter clockwise).
- ✦ Tighten, but do not use excessive force.

After connected, check for leaks (see above instructions).

When Disconnecting:

- ✦ Before disconnecting, turn off the gas burner and container valve.
- ✦ Disconnect the container (turn clockwise).
- ✦ Place the container valve plug securely into the container valve outlet.

TIPS FOR PURCHASING A GRILL OR GAS CONTAINER

- ✦ Buy a unit with a "quick connect" device at the container valve outlet.
- ✦ Buy a unit with an automatic thermal shut-off device.
- ✦ Buy a unit with a high pressure system shut-off regulator.

Buy containers that bear the mark of a nationally-recognized testing laboratory.

Department Updates

Fire Department (continued)

HYDRANT MAINTENANCE



Semi-Annual fire hydrant maintenance will be conducted by the Fire Department during the months of May and June. If your water is discolored, run your cold tap water until it clears. If your laundry becomes stained, please contact the Fire Department. We can provide materials for removing the stain.

Any hydrant found to be non-functional is replaced by Cleveland Water. After a hydrant is replaced, the soil around the hydrant needs to settle for several weeks prior to finish grading. Once settling has occurred, Cleveland Water or a sub-contractor will make the final repairs to the lawn.

If you noticed, the Fire Department is in the process of changing hydrant colors to all red. Our goal is to paint 1/3 of the hydrants in the City each year. The change to all red hydrants should be completed by the summer of 2010.

OPEN BURNING



Every spring, the Fire Department receives calls regarding open burning in the City. Both the Codified Ordinances of the City of Highland Heights and the State Fire Code address this issue. City Ordinance 1501.16 and Sections 307 and 308 of the Ohio Fire Code define the types of fires allowed and the requirements for these fires.

The City does allow homeowners to burn without prior notification to the Fire Department for recreational fires. Recreational fires are defined as outdoor fires utilized to cook food for human consumption and outdoor fireplaces.

It is important to note that there are several exceptions to this rule. No person, lease holder, tenant, occupant or entity shall kindle or maintain a fire for the preparation of food or for any other purpose in any type of outdoor or portable grill, whether gas, charcoal or electric, upon any balcony, under any balcony/overhang, or within fifteen feet of any multi-family dwelling or business.

The homeowner may be ordered to extinguish the fire if the fire is deemed to be a nuisance by the Fire Department or if the fire is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fire hazardous.

Fire Department (continued)

HOME SAFETY

The onset of warmer weather brings with it the opportunity to take steps to improve the safety of our homes and families. The following are some suggestions from the Fire Department.

Check your house address and make sure the numbers are large enough and that the address is readily visible from the street from both directions of travel, especially at night. Highland Heights Building Code requires numbers to be at least 3 ½" high.

Practice your home escape plan. Be sure that everyone, especially young children are aware of two ways to exit their room and house and know where the family is going to assemble once outside.

Most importantly, in case of a fire, leave the house immediately and do not go back in. Call the Fire Department from a neighbor's telephone. If someone is unaccounted for, please notify the Fire Department immediately along with their suspected location.

Be sure all flammable liquids are stored in an approved container and in a well ventilated area away from any living space. Never use gasoline as a cleaner or solvent. Always refuel gas powered equipment outside and wait for the equipment to cool down.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT THOM EVANS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES

MAILBOX SAFETY

Oversized mailbox structures (large timber, brick, block, etc.) and large landscape features such as rocks and boulders can be a hazard to the public. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the City all recommend the use of mailbox post structures that will break away upon impact. Posts should be constructed of a yielding design to prevent bodily harm if struck. Ohio Department of Transportation specifications call for mailbox posts to be made of treated wood no greater than 4" x 4" square. It is recommended that mailboxes be placed 12" behind the curb line to avoid being struck by the overhang on city snow plows.

Here are some tips to consider:

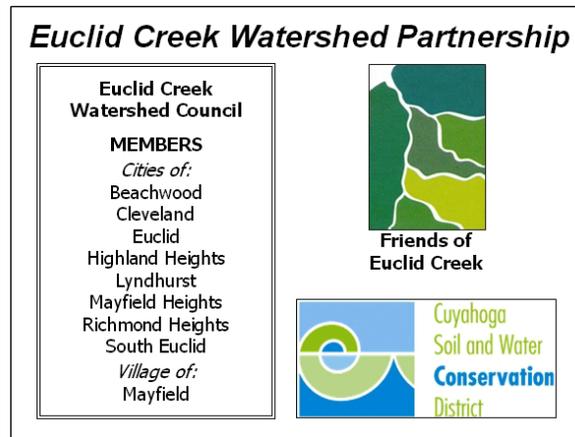
Inspect the post for damage or weakness due to age and rot.

If the post is leaning towards the street due to age or weight of a heavy box, straighten the post to gain at least 12" of clearance behind the curb line.

Residents may want to consider installing a snow shield in the winter to protect their mailbox from snow damage when streets and driveways are being plowed. Please call the service department if you need information on the construction and installation of snow shields.

Service Department (continued)

Highland Heights Residents Encouraged to Participate in Environmental Awareness Survey



The City of Highland Heights is encouraging residents to participate in a survey to help assess the level of awareness residents have with regard to common household activities and their potential impact on the quality of our local water resources.

Answers provided will serve as a tool to develop water quality educational materials for target audiences, and will help to determine appropriate methods to deliver educational messages.

Over time, the survey will help gauge the success of educational programs and ensure the effective spending of public funds.

Simply click on the link entitled [Take Environmental Awareness Survey Now](#). By completing the on-line version of the survey, a considerable amount of time and money needed to compile answers will be saved. To request that a paper copy be mailed to you, contact Claire Posius at 216-524-6580 x16 or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org.

Please be assured that measures have been put in place to guarantee the confidentiality and anonymity of the answers you provide. The survey deadline is coming to a close so we request that you complete your survey as soon as possible.

It is requested that only **one survey per household be completed** and that only those who are at least **18 years of age and a head of the household** participate in the survey.

Thank you for taking the time to assist the City of Highland Heights with this effort, your participation is greatly appreciated. Results of the survey will be made public shortly after the deadline has passed.

Service Department (continued)

RACCOON RABIES

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health reports that efforts to control the spread of raccoon strain rabies continue. The county is working with local governments, the Ohio Department of Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Division to conduct target animal surveillance and to vaccinate in raccoon habitats.

The County has reported that in 2008, the only detection of rabid animals in Cuyahoga County was 3 rabid bats. In Lake County, 3 rabid skunks and 4 rabid raccoons were found with raccoon-strain rabies. In 2009, the County and State will work cooperatively to continue vaccination through ground baiting with an ORV (oral rabies vaccine). Ground baiting in eastern Cuyahoga County is in mid-May.

This strain of rabies is of particular concern because it not only causes rabies in raccoons, but it can also easily jump species and cause rabies in other target animals such as coyotes, skunks and household pets such as cats and dogs. Pet exposure to rabid animals may increase the possibility of human exposure to raccoon rabies which is almost always fatal without immediate treatment.

The best barriers against the disease are to **avoid** contact with wild and stray animals, **vaccinate** pets against the virus and **call** your doctor and your local health department when you have been bitten or scratched by an animal.

The contents of this article were taken from information provided by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. Additional information is available on the Board of Health's web site at www.ccbh.net or by phone at (216) 210-2000.

Building Department

Assistant Building Commissioner James Austin

“YOUR HOUSE NUMBER” - BE SURE IT IS VISIBLE AND CAN BE READ FROM THE STREET

This identifying number is how we communicate with delivery personnel, our service department and most importantly our POLICE and FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Having the ability to properly identify your home in an emergency can save precious time. These numbers from time to time have been removed for home renovations such as, painting your home or new siding placed on your home. Please take the time to check and replace these numbers, if needed.

1309.05 **DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBER** in the Codified Ordinance reads the following way. Every dwelling in the Municipality shall have posted in a conspicuous manner the identifying house number there of which has been assigned to such dwelling by the Building Commissioner. Such numerals to be not less than three and one-half inches in height, and such number shall be clearly visible from the public right of way on which such dwelling is located. Please contact the Building Department if we can assist you in any way.

I hope that all your spring and summer projects go as you planned.

POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE CHIEF JAMES COOK

Opportunity Theft

Everyone should be aware that along with the summer months, unfortunately, comes an increase in burglaries, vehicle thefts and theft of personal property. Contrary to popular opinion, most thefts are not by professionals, but opportunists. Give them an opportunity and they will take it. We would like to help you take the opportunity away. Here are some tips to keep yourself, your car, and your property safe.

- Residential burglaries (break-ins) are a crime of opportunity, committed mostly by young offenders looking for easy targets, like unlocked or poorly secured homes. When you are working in your yard, lock your doors and keep your garage door closed. Each year we have burglaries that occur when the residents are working in their yard, leaving doors open for offenders. Attached garages with the overhead door left open are especially attractive to a thief.
- Keep your doors and windows in your residence secured and locked. Make sure your external doors have sturdy, well installed dead bolt locks. Sliding glass doors can be secured by installing commercially available locks or putting a bar in the inside track to stop the door.
- At night, keep the exterior of your home well lit. Install outside lights and keep them on at night. The use of lighting timers in different areas of your house throughout the evening will create the illusion that you are home.
- Protect your vehicle. Always lock all doors, even when the car is parked in your driveway. Never leave your keys or valuables in your auto. By taking protective measures, you may deter the theft of your vehicle. Nationally, 40% of the vehicles stolen had the keys in the ignition and 80% were left unlocked.

Don't jeopardize your own safety. Always call the police immediately if you have an emergency or see suspicious persons, vehicles or activity in your neighborhood. You will assist officers in reducing the opportunities for the commission of preventable crimes. If you have questions or concerns regarding your safety or security, please contact the police department. Also, take advantage of our [Residential Security Program](#). Call 442-8825 to have an officer conduct a free safety & security survey of your home.

Identity Theft

We have had many inquiries regarding Identity Theft and how you can take safety precautions to protect yourself. In this age of information technology, criminals can acquire personal information much easier than before. Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes. It is relatively easy to commit and can cause serious problems for victims who may spend an enormous amount of time cleaning up the mess caused to their credit record. Now more than ever, you need to be proactive about protecting your personal information.

Identity theft occurs when a criminal obtains and uses your personal information such as credit card numbers, bank account numbers, insurance information and Social Security numbers to purchase goods or services fraudulently. Identity theft is a crime at both federal and state levels. The Ohio law that went into effect in 1999 makes it unlawful for someone to use another person's identifying information with the intent to fraudulently obtain credit, property or services. It also takes into account computer and Internet technology, and makes it a crime to aid or abet another person in securing this personal identifying information.

Department Updates

Police Department (continued)

Discuss Identity Theft with members of your family, especially children, parents and grandparents.

How Your Identity Can be Stolen

- Identity theft criminals may steal your wallet or purse to obtain your driver's license, credit cards or social security card.
- Be suspicious of anyone calling to "Confirm" personal or financial information. Known as Pretext Calling, this is a common ploy used by identity theft criminals. Never give personal information over the phone unless you initiate the call.
- An increasingly common method for obtaining identification is through the Internet. Account numbers are stolen from unsecured web sites or obtained in Identity Fraud schemes.
- Ponzi/Pyramid Schemes: Investors are promised abnormally high profits on their investments. No investment is actually made; early investors are paid returns with money from later investors. The system collapses and later investors do not receive dividends and lose their investment.

How You Can Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

- Order a copy of your credit report once a year for each of the three national credit-reporting agencies (TransUnion 800-680-7293, Experian 888-397-3742, Equifax 800-685-1111) to check for inaccuracies and fraudulent use of your accounts.
- Monitoring your credit card statements and your credit report are the most important steps you can take to safeguard your credit identity.
- Shred or destroy all documents, credit card statements, bills, insurance papers or bank statements you are discarding, and other financial information.
- Minimize the identification information and the number of credit cards you carry.
- Never give out personal or financial information over the phone, through the mail, or over the Internet unless you know who you are dealing with.
- Even if a return address looks real, remember that banks, companies, service providers, government agencies, etc. already have your information. They do not need to contact you in any way to "confirm" personal information.

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FILE A REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. An officer will assist you and provide information on filing an Identity Theft Verification Passport, a program provided by the Attorney General's office. This program provides victims of identity theft with a method of demonstrating that their identity has been stolen. For more information about identity theft and this program, visit the Attorney General's web site at www.ag.state.oh.us.

Residential & Business Alarm Service

Our 24-hour Police Communications Center has the ability to monitor residential and business security systems. If you have a fire and/or intrusion security system, we can monitor burglary, panic and fire alarms directly without having the alarms go through a third party alarm company. This service saves valuable time in emergencies, when time is critical. Cost is a minimal \$180.00 per year plus a one-time \$120.00 connection fee.

Seasonal Updates

PROJECT UPDATES

THOM EVANS

Director of Public Services



Highland Road Pedestrian Facility

Scope: A pedestrian path is being constructed on the north side of Highland Road from our western border with the city of Richmond Heights and will run the entire length of Highland Road ending at our eastern border near the I-271 overpass.

Update: The project has been awarded to the C A Agresta Company of South Euclid Ohio. Phase one of the project was completed in 2008. The second and final phase of the project began in April. Work on this portion includes areas from Bishop Road to the eastern city border near the I-271 overpass. The work includes the installation of a 5 foot wide concrete path, re-grading and drainage as needed. Where possible, the path is designed to meander around trees and other infrastructure. The project is moving at a steady pace and the contractor reports that they anticipate substantial completion in early June.

Sponsor: Federal Transportation Fund & Highland Heights

Project award: \$634,210.70

Resurfacing - Ridgebury Blvd

Scope: Asphalt resurfacing. The project involves milling, base repairs, and resurfacing in the cities of Highland Heights, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Village and Mayfield Heights.

The project began in April. Phase one, from Richmond Road to Lander is scheduled for completion by mid-summer. Phase two, which will complete the project to the east through Mayfield Village will begin after the completion of phase one. Depending on traffic conditions and other projects in the area, the county will direct the contractor to proceed with phase two later this summer or will delay the work until 2010.

Sponsor: Federal Transportation Fund, Cuyahoga County Engineer, & Highland Heights

Project award: \$574,000 (Highland Heights portion only)

Resurfacing - Kenbridge, Esther

Scope: The city will undertake a resurfacing project on Kenbridge Dr. from Franklin Blvd. west to the Richmond Heights border and on Esther Rd., a short section, approximately 250' long at the intersection of Kenbridge Dr. The project will involve partial and full depth pavement repairs, catch basin repairs and an asphalt overlay. Engineering design work is currently underway. The project is anticipated to take place in late summer.

Project award: TBD

Seniors in Our City

TRI CITY CONSORTIUM ON AGING
STACEY O'BRIEN, DIRECTOR
216-291-2901

AARP driver's safety course will be held at the Lyndhurst Community Center on July 21 from 10:00-3:00. The fee is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non members. Call 216-650-4029 to reserve a space.

University Hospitals Dare to CARE Screenings are free to adults over 60 or those 50-60 years of age with cardiac risk factors. The screenings are available to first time participants only, Wed. June 17 from 9:00-3:30 at South Euclid. Contact 216-650-4029 with questions or to register.

The Visiting Nurse Association will offer a Health Analysis at the Highland Heights Community Center for older adults on Friday July 10 from 9:00-12:00. The analysis will screen blood pressure, pulse, body composition, cholesterol and blood sugar. Please register at 216-650-4029.

There will be a Watercolor Workshop at the South Euclid Community Center, Thursdays July 23, July 30, Aug. 6, Aug 13, from 9:00-11:00. Fees are based on number of people that sign up but should be no more than \$20 for the 4-week session.

The following is a list of the Healthy Aging Lectures that will be held at Highland Heights Community Center, 5827 Highland Road. Reservations are required. Please call 216-650-4029.

Friday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m.
"Healthy Aging" with Dr. Allan Rosenfield

Friday, August 14 at 9:30 a.m.
"Healthy Feet" with Dr. Kelly Whaley

COMMISSION ON AGING
ED HARGATE
Councilman at Large

I'm excited about being selected as the new council representative to our Commission on Aging for the year 2009. Some of our 2009 programs include:

Tax Assistance Program which was held February through April which helped 125 people, 42 of which were residents from Highland Heights.

Volunteer Luncheon Program which was held on April 22nd where 15 senior residents from Highland Heights were recognized for their volunteer efforts and service along with 115 seniors from the Tri City Program.

Commission on Aging Health Fair which was held on May 13th where 115 residents attended and 28 representatives and vendors participated. Many free health screenings were available including blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and hearing. Thanks to Mary Velotta for another job well done.

Home Days - Please plan to visit the Commission on Aging booth this year. The Commission members would be happy to discuss our programs and services with you.

Commission members and spouses will be riding in the "Thriller" car during the Home Days Parade giving candy to the crowds.

DO NOT CALL REGISTRY - Please call 1-888-382-1222 or e-mail www.donotcall.gov. to register your phone number on the FTC Do Not Call Registry.

Please note that the Senior Transportation Center's New Telephone Number is 1-800-983-4782.

Highland Heights Garden Club

GARDEN CLUB



The Millridge Elementary School Wellness Committee had invited the Highland Heights Garden Club to participate in their “Seeds for Wellness” Square Foot Gardening Project. Tracy Ricchiuto, founder of the committee and Wendy Kertesz, parent volunteer were instrumental in organizing the school of approximately 600 students to participate in obtaining little peat pots, writing their names on popsicle sticks to identify their individual plants, then adding soil and planting their seeds. Students were able to take turns watering them in a mini greenhouse atmosphere in their individual classrooms.

The Highland Heights Garden Club was able to supply the students with various items needed as well as resources for the leaders to help complete the tasks.

Eva Pawlak and Sharon Daviso of the Garden Club volunteered all day with the students and volunteer parents.

The plants will be outdoors in their Classroom’s Square Foot Garden.

The Garden Club ladies look forward to visiting the children’s garden this summer to see how the plants are coming along and are very happy to have been asked to participate in this community project.

The parent organizers are to be commended for their creative ideas and their work in seeing this project through to completion.

Register Your Bicycle

REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE

Each year we receive bicycles that have been found, or calls from residents that a bike has been lost or stolen. You can register your bicycle with the Police Department and purchase a bike license sticker for \$1.00.

Providing us with the serial number, model name, color and any other markings could help us in returning your property.



Bike Helmets

STAY SAFE GET A HELMET WITH A GOOD FIT!

Greater Cleveland Safe Kids has trained Judy Dick to fit helmets to ensure maximum safety and to provide helmets along with Bell, Inc., at the low cost of \$8.00.

For more information about bike helmets or for an appointment for proper fitting, call Judy Dick at (440) 461-2440, extension 149 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB ANNUAL HOLE IN ONE CONTEST

The 15th Annual Hole in One Contest is sponsored by the Lions Club and held at:



Airport Greens Golf Course
28920 White Road
Willoughby Hills, Ohio

Contestants pay \$1.00 a ball or \$5.00 for 6 balls

Each Saturday and Sunday, winners receive prizes for being closest to the pin.

All weekly winners can play in the finals on September 5 for a chance to win a car compliments of Deacons Chrysler Jeep.

Thanks to our contestants, sponsors, and donors, the Highland Heights Lions Club is able to make contributions to the Lions Eye Clinic and fund research projects to prevent blindness, assist visually and hearing challenged people and provide Pilot Dogs.

Highland Heights Annual Tennis Tournament August 7, 8 and 9

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR
THE ANNUAL HIGHLAND HEIGHTS TENNIS CLASSIC TOURNAMENT**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 31

2009 Events

Boys 12 and Under	Girls 12 & Under
Boys 14 & Under	Girls 14 & Under
Boys 16 & Under	Girls 16 & Under
Boys 18 & Under	Girls 18 & Under
Women's and Men's Open Singles	
Women's and Men's Open Doubles	



Deadlines and Fees

All applications must be received and prepaid by July 31st. All entries must be mailed to Highland Heights Recreation Dept., 5827 Highland Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143. Fees are \$20.00 for each singles event entered and \$30.00 for each doubles team. No refunds after the entry deadline date unless the event is cancelled.

For questions or information, please call Brian Smallwood at 440-339-0271.

Events and Activities Brief

June 15	Day Camp Starts, Swim Lesson First 4-Week Session Starts
June 15	Tennis Lesson First 3-Week Session Starts
June 21	Family Fun Night at the Pool
July 12	Family Fun Night at the Pool
July 19	$\frac{1}{2}$ Season Pool Pass Starts
July 13	Swim Lesson Second 4-Week Session Starts
July 13	Tennis Lesson Second 3-Week Session Starts

July 24, 25 & 26 - Highland Heights Home Days



August 7, 8 & 9 - Highland Hts. Annual Tournament



August 1 & 16	Family Fun Night at the Pool
August 7	Day Camp Ends
September 7	Pool Closes
October 24	Children's Halloween Party
December 12	Children's Holiday Party

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Highland Heights Commission on Aging 440-473-1175
Highland Heights 50+ Club 440-442-0470
Highland Heights Garden Club 440-446-9395
Highland Heights Lion's Club 440-449-2119
Hillcrest Rotary 216-381-1700
Kiwanis Club 440-386-8204
Democratic Club 440-449-0680
Republican Club 440-449-8420

MISCELLANEOUS PHONE NUMBERS

Cuyahoga County Board of Health 216-201-2000
Cleveland Division of Water 216-664-3060
Cuyahoga County Auditor 216-443-7010
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections 216-443-3200
Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineering (plugged sewers, dye tests) 216-443-8201
J&J Refuse Trash Pick Up 800-201-0005
Cuyahoga County Mayfield Public Library 440-473-0350
Richmond Heights Post Office 800-275-8777

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER - The community center has two rooms with an adjoining kitchen available to rent for your parties or meetings. Please call Judy Dick at 440-461-2440, extension 149 or e-mail jdick@highlandhts.com for more information. You can also find more information on room rentals at www.highlandhts.com.

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July 24, 25 & 26 - Highland Heights Home Days



Bigger and Better Fireworks on Saturday

Great Food and Entertainment

Parade on Sunday at 1:30 "All for Fun and Fun for All"

This year's Grand Marshall is Skipper, the Mascot of the Lake County Captains Baseball Team. The parade route will start at the corner of Wilson Mills and Bishop and continue down Wilson Mills to the Community Park Entrance.

Jungle Terry on Saturday

St. Paschal's Clown Ministry on Sunday after Parade